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**The Daily Press.**

HONGKONG, DECEMBER 29TH, 1911.

In October last, a correspondent writing under the nom de plume of "Taxpayer" asked whether it is not time that the red local typhoon signals were abolished? These signals indicate that the centre of a typhoon is believed to be more than 300 miles away from the Colony—a fact which, "Taxpayer" wrote, was of no interest to any person unconnected with shipping, and of no use whatever to shipping people, who rely on the very efficient code of signals displayed on the yard-arm of the storm signal mast at Blackhead's Point. From the yard arm signals a shipmaster can locate every typhoon, reported and shape his course accordingly. The masthead (cone, drum and ball) signals are only useful to the boat people and landmen, and none of these, added "Taxpayer," want to be worried and upset by typhoon scares before the storm centre crosses the 300 mile limit. He asserted that when that limit is crossed, there is ample time to repair to the typhoon anchorages or put up typhoon shutters. At the sight of the red signals every boatman flies to Causeway Bay, as he knows it is "first come, first served" there, and if too late, he may be shut out; then follows a day of idleness, causing untold loss to shipping, to boat people and to the trade of the Colony. "Taxpayer's" letter concluded with the statement: that since the introduction of the China Coast Storm Code (yard-arm signals) the red local signals are an anachronism, as useless and as obstructive as that old Dodo the Clock Tower, and their

discontinuance would be equally welcome to the Colony. Yesterday we published several interesting Minutes on this subject which had been forwarded by the Government to the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Figg, the Director of the Observatory, describes the matter as one of some difficulty, and, in his opinion requires very careful consideration before the course suggested by "Taxpayer" is adopted, and though in another Minute the Director of the Observatory says he is of opinion that it would be unwise at present to dispense with the red signals, he makes out no satisfactory case for their retention. Mr. Figg says the retention of the red signals is more particularly necessary in view of the typhoons which reach the China Sea via the Bashee and Balingtang Channels; but as, on the Director's own showing, it would take 20 hours for the centre of the storm, at its highest rate of progression, to reach the Colony after it had passed within the black signal radius (300 miles), and, as the Harbour Master says, this is "generally speaking, some 16 hours before the roughness of the sea and the force of the wind could be such as to interfere with native craft, fishers, &c., being towed in to various shelters," what need is there to hoist red signals at all? The Harbour Master recognises the value of the information to ships leaving port that a storm is situated in the Bashee or Balingtang Channels, but he submits that this information could be given from the Harbour Office to all Masters clearing, without hoisting a red signal, "which only alarms the native craft and generally delays the work of the port, although the weather is then fine and the sea smooth." It has frequently happened that storms signalled as being beyond the 300 miles radius have never come near the Colony, but the mere fact of hoisting the red signal has so alarmed the junk and sampan people that they have hastened to get into the shelter. Much needless expense and inconvenience to shipping have been caused thereby, and it has been a subject of very general complaint. On the other hand, we have heard some shipmasters condemn the agitation for the abolition of the red signals, and as the Committee of the Chamber of Commerce has not yet, apparently, informed the Government of its opinion as to the desirability of making the change, those who hold that the use of the red signals is not so detrimental to shipping and useless to the port as "Taxpayer" and the Harbour Master take an early opportunity of stating the case for their retention.

The Colonial Secretary's Office informs us that Singapore has been relieved from quarantine.

The German mail which left here on November 29th was delivered in London on the 27th inst.

Twenty men of the R.O.Y.L.I. regiment were sworn in as special constables before Mr. Melbourne yesterday.

Sui Tuk Tsip was charged before Mr. Irving at the Magistracy yesterday with having imported into the Colony four Winchester rifles and 2,600 rounds of ammunition without a licence. He was remanded, bail in \$500 being allowed.

For throwing stones at P.C. Barnett, who was in charge of the piquet in Queen's Road West on Sunday last, Yung Shi Pat was sentenced by Mr. Melbourne at the Magistracy yesterday to receive twenty-eight strokes of the "cat," and 48 hours' detention.

Manila has "a city police scandal." Two members of the force have been suspended from duty, and, according to one of the Manila papers, it is understood that these suspensions are forerunners of larger developments in the investigation now proceeding. The nature of the scandal is not yet publicly disclosed.

At the last meeting of the Kulansu (Amoy) Municipal Council, it was decided to call the attention of the Consular Body to the present status of the Mixed Court Magistrate, and to request the Consular Body to inform the Council under what authority the Mixed Court Magistrate is acting, now that there is no Imperial Government Taotai in Amoy.

Four Chinese were responsible for an armed robbery which took place at Un Leng, near Kowloon City, at about 1.30 on the morning of the 26th. It is supposed that four or five men entered a house by breaking in the door. They first met an old man, a farmer, and beat him over the head with an iron bar. He was afterwards treated by a Chinese doctor. The men then proceeded to an inner apartment where the old man's son and his wife were sleeping. They, however, barricaded the door and prevented the robbers from entering. The son fired two or three shots from a revolver and wounded one or two of the men slightly. The wounded men made their escape, but the others were arrested, and were charged at the Magistracy yesterday morning. On the application of Inspector Gordon, a remand was granted.

The London Musical and Comedy Co. give their first performance in the Theatre to-night. They come with the best of recommendations, and they are described as the strongest combination that has ever toured in the East. The plans are at Robinson's. Owing to unforeseen circumstances the Company is unable to give more than two performances in the Colony—to-night and to-morrow.

A police notice which has just been posted in the Colony advises ladies to carry police whistles, which can be purchased at many of the local stores. The cases of highway robbery from ladies which occurred in the Colony a few weeks ago have naturally created some uneasiness, but it is satisfactory to be able to state that no recent case of the kind has been reported. This is possibly due, in some measure, to the steps taken by the police to advise ladies of the risk of carrying bags likely to excite the cupidity of the Chinese thief. It is well known, however, that as each Chinese New Year approaches, and the pinch of poverty is more acutely felt among the criminal classes, robberies are more numerous than at any other season, and as this year the criminal element of the population has been increased by an influx due to the disturbed conditions on the mainland, special precautions are advisable and necessary.

There is a story current among the Chinese in Singapore, says the *Strait Times*, that is sensational but not beyond the bounds of possibility. It is said that some agents of the Imperial Chinese Government had made actual preparations for the assassination of Dr. Sun Yat Sen as he was passing through Singapore. The story is circumstantial to the extent that a Chinaman had been paid \$500 down by a firm of local goldsmiths, with a promise of a further \$200,000 if he succeeded in killing the arch-reformer. Whatever its truth, the story reached the ears of Dr. Sun's friends before he arrived, and his prospective movements were not made known until the *Devanah* arrived in port. Up till that moment only a limited circle of people knew that Dr. Sun would spend the night at the house of Mr. Tan Boi Liat. The force of detectives allotted to the work of guarding the house and the person of Dr. Sun were given very strict instructions and happily their precautions were successful.

## A NAVAL WEDDING.

A very pretty naval wedding took place at St. Joseph's Church yesterday. The contracting parties were Miss Francis Elizabeth Fulcher, daughter of Captain W. Fulcher, of the Middlesex Regiment. The bride, who looked charming in her long-trimmed gown of white satin trimmed with pearl embroidery and chiffon with a girde of pearls, was given away by Lieutenant and Commander Hancock, R.N., while Lieutenant Bennett, R.N., attended the bridegroom as "best man." The bride wore a tulle embroidered veil over a coronet of orange blossoms and carried a beautiful shower-bouquet. She was followed to the altar by a little bridesmaid, Miss Bridget Phillips, while Master Kenneth Hancock acted as page attired in a Jack Tar suit. After the ceremony, at which Father Watson officiated, Lieutenant-Commander and Mrs. Hancock received the happy pair and their friends at No. 1, Macdonnell Road. The bride left for her honeymoon, which will be spent at Marco, in a very pretty gown of white lace and ribbon with a cream cloth coat and a pink and white hat trimmed with lace and moss-roses.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

## A PROTEST AGAINST GOVERNMENT ACTION.

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG DAILY PRESS."]

SIR,—With reference to the letter dated 23rd December, will you kindly allow us to amend it by stating that the protest is made on behalf of the authorised Architects belonging to the firms whose signatures are appended.

We are, etc.,  
LEIGH & ORANGE,  
PALMER & TURNER,  
DENISON, RAM & GIBBS.

## TYPHOON SIGNALS.

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG DAILY PRESS."]

DEAR SIR,—May I be permitted to tentatively suggest for consideration the following alternative solution of the typhoon-signal problem, namely, that a Regulation be passed prohibiting vessels from making use of the Harbour of Refuge except when the black signals are up.

In this way the red signals would be preserved as long-distance warnings, whilst the inconvenience to shipping, which is occasioned by many of the junks and cargo-boats and sampans hurrying off to the "bour of Refuge" directly the red signals are hoisted (in order to make sure of getting a berth there), would be avoided.

Yours faithfully,  
H. E. POLLOCK.

## TELEGRAMS. TELEGRAMS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

## THE REVOLUTION.

Reuter's correspondent at Shanghai says the arrival of Sun Yat Sen threatens a change in the situation.

It is expected that he will be elected President.

The provinces of China proclaim a continuance of the campaign unless the Manchus surrender.

## THE SITUATION IN PERSIA.

## REPLY TO THE RUSSIAN ULTIMATUM.

LONDON, December 28th.

Reuter's Agency learns that the Persian reply to the Russian ultimatum states that in view of the strong desire for cordial relations on the part of Great Britain and Russia, Persia will be careful in future that appointments of foreign officers will not be made in a way likely to injure the lawful interests of the two Governments. The Persian Government will consult the Legation on such appointments.

## STRONG MEASURES BY RUSSIA.

It is announced at St. Petersburg that as the Persian Government is powerless to punish the authors of anti-Russian outbreaks at Tabriz, Resht, and Enzeli, the Russian Government has directed the Russian commanders to take the severest repressive measures, including the arrest and court-martialing of the assailants of the Russian troops, the disarmament of the Fidaïs and other troublesome native elements, and the destruction of places where resistance might be offered.

## ATTACK ON A BRITISH CONSUL.

Mr. Smart, the British Consul at Shiraz, while travelling thither from Bushire with an escort of sowars, was attacked by Kasghai road guards near Kazerun.

A severe fight ensued in which one sowar was killed and three wounded.

Mr. Smart is missing. His wounded horse has been recovered.

The escort fought its way to Kazerun.

Reuter's Teheran correspondent states that the Indian sowars who were attacked at the 27th inst., numbered one hundred. They lost two killed and wounded, and one missing, and are now holding a position at Kazerun. A force of 130 sowars commanded by Colonel Douglas is hurrying to reinforce them.

Mr. Smart, the British Consul at Shiraz whom the sowars were escorting, was left behind when the escort retreated, and is reported to be lying wounded in a caravanerai eight miles from Kazerun.

## THE PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN IN AMERICA.

LONDON, December 28th.

Mr. La Follette, the Progressive Republican candidate for the Presidency, opened his Eastern campaign at Cleveland, Ohio. In his speech he attacked the Trusts and their power over the Government legislation and the Law Courts, and he denounced the Payne-Aldrich Tariff Bill, and the Aldrich monetary reform as increasing the power of the Trusts.

## FRANCO-JAPANESE COMMERCIAL TREATY.

LONDON, December 28th.

The French Chamber has passed the new Franco-Japanese Commercial Convention without a division.

The Chairman of the Customs Committee emphasised the advantage of good relations with Japan.

The Minister of Commerce explained the advantages of the Convention.

The Premier said it would draw the two nations together in closer bonds of sympathy.

## JAPAN AND THE POWERS.

LONDON, December 28th.

Reuter's correspondent at Tokyo reports that the Emperor, in opening the Diet, referred to the increasingly friendly feelings between Japan and the Powers, and expressed high satisfaction at the renewal of the treaty with Great Britain.

## BRITISH STEAMER FOUNDERED.

LONDON, December 28th.

Lloyd's agent at Lisbon states that the British steamer *Hughenden*, bound from Smyrna to Dublin, foundered in the Bay of Biscay on the 21st inst. Two of her crew were picked up, but the others were drowned.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

## LANCASHIRE COTTON TRADE.

## BIG LOCK-OUT.

LONDON, December 28th.

All the mills in Blackburn have posted lock-out notices to-day. It is believed that the lock-out will be of short duration owing to the disproportion between the cause and its dire effect.

Lock-out notices have also been published in Rochdale and elsewhere.

## FRENCH OFFICIALS ACQUITTED.

LONDON, December 28th.

Reuter's correspondent at Paris reports that the Consular Court at Ujja, in Morocco, has acquitted M. Dastilleur, the French Commissioner, the Vice Consul, and the Head of the Customs, on charges of peculation and gun running.

## PAUPERS POISONED.

LONDON, December 28th.

Reuter's correspondent at Berlin wires that numbers of paupers in the Municipal shelter are suffering from poisoning. Thirty-six are dead.

The poison is supposed to have been in provisions procured by the paupers themselves.

## OUR NIMROD KING.

LONDON, December 28th.

Reuter's correspondent at Calcutta wires that the King shot thirty tigers and thirteen rhinoceros while hunting in Nepal.

## WRESTLING.

LONDON, December 28th.

Frank Gotch, the world's champion wrestler, has defeated Munro in two straight falls, the first in twelve minutes and the second in eight minutes five seconds. Each fall was brought about by the Nelson clutch hold.

## THE MEXICAN REVOLT.

LONDON, December 28th.

Telegrams from Mexico report that General Reyes, the leader of the revolt against President Madero, has surrendered, being disarmed by the defection of his partisans.

[FROM THE MANILA "CARLENEWS."]

## PRESIDENT TAFT'S MESSAGE TO CONGRESS.

WASHINGTON, December 22nd.

President Taft's message covers many matters of first importance in the public mind. He makes a strong plea for the adoption of a system of patents post for the United States. Considerable space is devoted to a discussion of the enormous charges of express companies in the United States and the consequent handicap put upon the distribution of commodities. A comparison is made, with the system of countries where the parcels post is in operation, greatly to the disadvantage of the United States.

The President also advocates the enactment of the Aldrich currency and banking scheme, drawn up by the monetary commission appointed for the purpose with former Senator Aldrich at its head.

The waterways plan of the National Rivers and Harbours Congress for the development of inland transportation is also urged upon Congress in the message.

Another matter to which President Taft devoted more than the usual thought in his message was national defence. He deals with the whole question at length. The data gathered by the War Department through the medium of the mobilization of the army on the Mexican border is used in outlining legislation for the improvement of the army and navy. The President discusses the need of extending military training to a larger proportion of the population to prepare for the exigencies of a war. The gradual increase of the navy by carrying out the naval programme of other years is advocated.

On the subject of the Philippine Islands the recommendations of the Secretary of War are endorsed and submitted to the consideration of Congress. President Taft favours the increase of bonds for the Islands, the creation of an insular army of men enlisted for service in the tropics offered by men who are shifted regularly from the tropics to the mainland.

The question of tolls or no tolls for the Panama Canal the President recommends be left to the Executive. The whole question so far as foreign nations are concerned should be settled by treaty, and the Executive he thinks, should have the discretion, subject always to the approval of the United States Senate.

## CANTON.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

CANTON, December 27.

THE "CLEVELAND" TOURISTS.  
The "Cleveland Tourists to the number of 403 arrived here this afternoon by the s.s. *Kinsman*. Elaborate arrangements had been made for their journey through the city by Mr. Haynes, the manager of the Victoria Hotel, and they were met at the Admiralty wharf, where they disembarked by an army of chair coolies. Lined up opposite the boat and at places along the route were 2,300 troops, and at intervals between the chairs were to be found escorts.

When the ship arrived a massed band of Chinese soldiers reeled off "Marching Through Georgia" in quite good style and essayed several other American airs, and generally it seemed to be looked upon as a sort of gala day. The troops on duty were exceedingly smart and their presence and conduct says a very great deal for the governing authorities. Better order could not have been preserved, and everything went through as smoothly as could have been wished. The route followed was as arranged, and the tourists got as good a view of Canton as could be possibly got in the short time at their disposal. The *Kinsman* was unfortunately a little late on account of a very low tide and this hurried matters a bit. All the afternoon the bund was crowded and around the wharf were thousands of Chinese onlookers having the time of their lives. One good thing that the visit has done is to show the outside world that things in Canton are not so bad as they are painted and that the authorities have the best part of the army under good control. Great praise is due the Governor for his attention and interest taken in the outing and to Mr. Haynes for the masterly way he carried all arrangements through.

Another similar batch is due to-morrow and the same programme will, it is hoped, be gone through in the same way.

NEW UNIFORMS FOR THE POLICE.  
All the guards and police in the City and Honam are being re clothed in thick blue serge uniforms and caps which have been turned out at the uniform factory at Tai Sha Tou. They look very smart and efficient in their new garb and are all armed with new rifles. Things, it would appear, are taking the turn so long hoped for and order is appearing everywhere out of seeming chaos.

## LOCAL SPORT.

## CRICKET.

CIVIL SERVICE & KOWLOON.

This match was played on Boxing Day at Happy Valley and resulted in a win for the home team. Scores—

## KOWLOON.

C. Brown, b. Withell	...	2
Capt. Wood, b. Spurge	...	41
F. Jewell, b. Withell	...	66
A. O. Brown, a. d. b. Cox	...	23
Major Kirke, l.b.w. Withell	...	4
F. O. Day, b. Withell	...	14
D. J. Mackenzie, b. Withell	...	0
W. T. Elson, a. Harlow, b. Brett	...	3
W. Curwen, b. Withell	...	0
L. Blackburn, not out	...	6
Extras	...	18
Total for 9 wks.	...	180

## CIVIL SERVICE &amp; KOWLOON.

This match was played on Boxing Day at Happy Valley and resulted in a win for the home team. Scores—

R. Withell, b. Brown	...	14
R. C. Barlow, l.b.w. Brown	...	30
H. L. O. Garrett, not out	...	108
H. A. Cox, l.b.w. Brown	...	0
H. S. Sparrow, b. Kirke, b. Brown	...	0
A. Cox, b. Wood	...	3
G. Gibson, a. Elson, b. Wood	...	1
L. E. Brett, retired	...	56
Edmunds, a. Day, b. Wood	...	0
Bacon, a. Wood, b. Day	...	6
B. J. Spittle, did not bat	...	0
Extras	...	7
Total	...	218

## BOXING.

What promises to be a fine night's sport will take place at the City Hall on January 6th. The main event, 20 rounds, will be Bill Lewis versus Micky Dunn and Stoker Arnold, far away the best welterweights bar Lewis in the Orient. Lewis' chance seems to be to finish his men early, but as both his opponents are sturdily built, young and determined, this is a tough proposition. Lewis possesses great stamina, but meeting a fresh man every round and to be fresh himself at the finish seems almost impossible. However, an exciting tussle should be witnessed. The other bouts should also provide good sport. Pto. Potter and Shuler, who settle their differences in a 15 round bout, should provide something out of the ordinary. Heavy weights Seaman Steer and Corpl. Soruton should make things merry, as judging by their performances here they are men who will exchange blow for blow without flinching. The opening contest, Seaman Skinner v. Pto. Webb, should also be a fine bout. Webb has a fine record, and all who saw Skinner last Saturday night in his contest with Seaman Gummer tip him a fighter of much promise.

## VICTORIA THEATRE.

The latest attraction at the Victoria Theatre is a fine dancing turn by the well-known American artists, Harris and Vernon. The pair, who have recently returned from Shanghai, where they were splendidly received made their reappearance before Hongkong theatre patrons on Wednesday night. They were immediately successful and were recalled time after time. Indeed if their reception be any criterion, they should attract big audiences to the Victory Theatre. There is a sparkle and a dash in their dancing which is seldom associated with the turns presented by artists of their type.



## HONGKONG LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

A meeting of the Hongkong Legislative Council was held yesterday at the Council Chamber.

The following were present:—  
His Excellency the GOVERNOR, SIR FRANKLIN J. LUGARD, G.C.M.G., C.B., D.S.O.  
Hon. Mr. C. CLEMENTI (Colonial Secretary).  
Hon. Mr. C. A. ALANASTOR (Attorney-General).

Hon. Mr. A. M. THOMSON (Colonial Treasurer).  
Hon. Mr. W. CHATHAM, C.M.G. (Director of Public Works).  
Hon. Mr. E. R. HALLIFAX (Registrar-General).

Hon. Captain F. J. BAILEY (Captain-Superintendent of Police).  
Hon. Dr. Ho Kai, M.R., C.M.G.  
Hon. Mr. W. Y. C. C.M.G.  
Hon. Mr. H. E. POLLOCK, K.C.  
Hon. Mr. E. A. HEWITT.  
Hon. Mr. C. H. ROSS.  
Hon. Mr. E. OSBORNE.  
Mr. R. H. CROFTON (Clerk of Councils).

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

THE POST OFFICE AND LAW COURTS.—A COMMISSION APPOINTED.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY, by command of His Excellency the Governor, laid on the table Financial Minutes Nos. 111 to 116, and moved that they be referred to the Finance Committee.

THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL seconded.

HIS EXCELLENCY—Gentlemen, in connection with these Financial Minutes, I beg to draw attention to Nos. 112 and 116, both for larger sums in respect of Government Offices and the Law Courts. The Hon. Colonial Secretary in Finance Committee will explain to you in full the items covered by these sums. I had intended to have laid before this meeting a statement in full, especially with regard to the Post Office, the larger vote. However, I thought it better to appoint a commission to inquire into the whole circumstances of the various supplementary votes which have been asked since the inception of these two undertakings. Of that commission the Colonial Treasurer is Chairman, and by kind permission of the General Officer Commanding, Colonel St. John will be a member. The Hon. Mr. Ross and Mr. Murray Stewart are members of the commission, which will sit as soon as possible. The Chairman of the Finance Committee will give you any immediate details which you may desire, and as I said in my minute which was read at last meeting of the Finance Committee, the Hon. Director of Public Works has assured me that the money is being paid for work done to those who have earned it. It must be paid before the end of the financial year, and therefore I recommend the Council to pass these two votes and defer any criticism which may arise until we have the report of the commission, which will sit in the early part of next year.

The motion was agreed to.

FINANCIAL.

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY, by command of His Excellency the Governor, laid on the table the report of the Finance Committee (No. 23), and moved its adoption.

THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL seconded, and the motion was agreed to.

THE BUDGET OF THE COLONY.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY I beg to move that the Council resume consideration of the resolution which I had the honour to move at the last meeting. I beg to suggest the following amendment:—"On a date to be hereafter notified in the Government Gazette," these words to be added at the end of the resolution. Some little time must elapse before it can be produced on the seal and flag of the Colony. It cannot take effect on the same day as it was adopted.

Hon. Mr. ROSS—I regret to say that I am unable to support this resolution. I do not think that this proposed badge or flag is artistic or that it has any meaning to the ordinary person at all. I do not think there are ten Europeans in the Colony who could tell you what those characters mean. They are seal characters, known by very few people, and the badge merely appears to be a kind of maze. If Chinese characters are required at all, I suggest that the ordinary Chinese characters should be substituted in place of the seal characters. These are very different things to put on a flag, as there are many different lines. In any case, the badge is not at all artistic. The design which appears on the back of the Hongkong and Shanghai bank notes is more artistic and more representative of the combination between England and China. The picture which the Colonial Secretary presented at the last meeting of the Council and which he criticised somewhat severely does not seem to me to be deserving of such criticism. It represents a Chinese merchant and a foreign merchant bargaining. The foreign merchant is certainly not shaking hands with his left hand. It is an old custom of bargaining, giving the left hand to the Chinaman. They would bargain with the left hand, the Chinaman working his fingers until they arrived at the price at which the produce was to be settled. The bills in the background certainly can do with improvement, and in that feature I would suggest that we should copy the Hongkong bank note design. I regret very much that owing to Volunteer duties I have been absent for five or six days, and I have not been able to prepare a sketch. I think that if we had a peak, a pagoda, a junk and the Imperial crown above it, it would be a far more attractive design than that at present proposed.

Hon. Mr. POLLOCK—I am inclined to agree with the criticisms passed by the honorable member on my left. Surely it would not be beyond the powers of some artist in this Colony to sketch out a suitable design, showing the peak, the waters of the harbour and a junk. We should have something emblematic of this Colony. I do not think I can agree with my colleague as to the pagoda, as in the first place I don't think we have any pagodas in the Colony. Some design following the Hongkong bank note could be worked up without any difficulty, and would be in all ways a suitable design. I think it is a great drawback to adopt anything as forming part of the device of this Colony that is a scaled back to not only foreigners but also to the great bulk of the Chinese population.

Hon. Mr. OSBORNE—I have asked one or two Chinese if they knew what these characters represented, and they told me they did not. I do not think any Chinese character at all should

appear on the British flag. (Hear, hear.) Even if you put ordinary written characters, such as Mr. Ross suggested, it would appear as if it was in the eyes of the Chinese as Roman characters would appear in the eyes of the foreigners, that is to say, if you had under the British crown the word "Hongkong" I think we are agreed that it would appear ridiculous. It would appear equally ridiculous to the Chinese to have the same word in Chinese characters.

HIS EXCELLENCY—Gentlemen, I will move an amendment to the motion now before the Council that the vote on this resolution be adjourned. As three unofficial members have spoken in opposition to the badge which has been proposed I gather that some amendment to the existing badge may be desirable. It is a matter for discussion and there is no reason whatever for haste in disposing of the question. Therefore I propose we should hold over any positive or negative answer to the resolution until another meeting to see whether any artistic gentleman in the Colony can produce some design that would meet with more general favour.

The DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS seconded, and the motion was agreed to.

QUESTIONS.

The Hon. Mr. POLLOCK asked the following question, in his name:

1. What is the nature of the works which are in contemplation in the Hill District near the junction of the Chamberlain and Pokfulam roads?

2. For what reason are such works being undertaken?

3. Has the question of the desirability of undertaking such works been laid before the Public Works Committee? If not, why not?

4. What is the estimated cost of such works?

The DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS replied as follows:

1. The work referred to consists of a diversion of Chamberlain and Pokfulam Roads.

2. The work has been undertaken in fulfilment of an arrangement by Sir M. Nathan made with the owner of the Peak Hotel property in May 1910, whereby he agreed to surrender to Government the necessary land to enable the new road now being constructed from Victoria Gap to Plantation Road to be connected with Chamberlain Road, the Government giving in exchange the area which will be rendered available by the diversions already mentioned. The immediate inception of this new road has been urged upon the Government by the hon. member himself, who submitted a petition signed by 41 residents in the neighbourhood.

3. The alignment of the new road was referred to the Public Works Committee on September 28th, but the consequent diversion of Chamberlain and Pokfulam Roads resulted from the arrangement made in 1907.

4. The estimated cost of the diversion in question is \$2,750.

Hon. Mr. POLLOCK—I do not think the Hon. Director of Public Works has fully answered my question.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY—The hon. gentleman is not in order.

Hon. Mr. POLLOCK—I am in order. I want to ask this question, and I want an answer. I have got a right as a matter of order to have the question answered. The question has not been answered. I want to ask why this work was not referred to the Public Works Committee. The only answer I have got is that another road which would have certain results was referred to the Public Works Committee. It has not been explained why. If it is of that scheme it should have been referred to that Committee. It was not referred to the Public Works Committee.

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THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL seconded.

HIS EXCELLENCY—Before putting the motion to the Council I would like to say one word. In introducing this Bill at this time the Government had no intention whatever of introducing a controversial Bill without reference to the architects and others concerned. The Hon. Director of Public Works in the long speech which he made at the last meeting of the Council showed us that a number of the points would be very controversial. I asked him to consult with the architects and others concerned and bring forward such amendments as would meet with general approval. If any of these should prove controversial I prefer to abandon them. We have, as you know, the present Revision Ordinance which is up to and for the 31st December this year, and it is important to include as many amendments in the Ordinance as we can to the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance, the type of which has been reserved for that purpose.

The motion was agreed to and Council then went into Committee.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY read the letter which he received from the Secretary to the Sanitary Board expressing approval of the Bill. Since then he had received a communication from the Head of the Department stating that the Board had confined their discussion to clause 2 regarding the election of members, and he thought that he should have said that the Board had no suggestions or amendments to offer.

Hon. Dr. HO KAI—As far as sections 1, 2, 3 and 4 are concerned, I am in favour of the Bill. The members are unanimous that they contain matters of contention, and most of us would like to have time to receive communications from those interested, especially architects or property owners. Generally, we are of the opinion that these sections confer too much absolute power on the Building Authority, and they should be amended in such a way as to safeguard the rights of property owners and of the public. The principle involved in clauses 6 and 7 is most contentious, and most of us are strongly of the opinion that they should not be proceeded with. There is no reason why the Bill should be hurried through except the first two sections. The other clauses should be deleted from the Bill, and if necessary the Government can bring in a fresh Bill to deal with those few points. I move that clauses 5, 6, 7 and 8 be deleted from the Bill.

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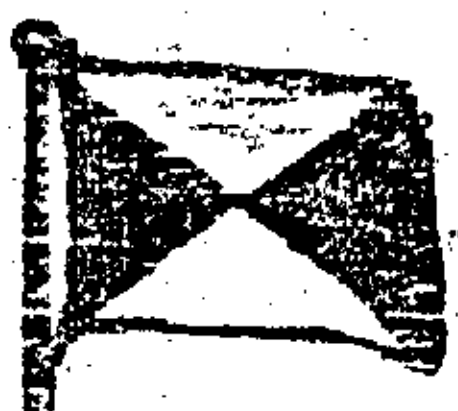
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TJITAROEM	JAPAN	First half of Jan.	JAVA	First half of Jan.
TJIBODAS	SHANGHAI	First half of Jan.	JAVA	First half of Jan.
TJIPANAS	JAVA	First half of Jan.	JAPAN	Second half of Jan.
TJILATJAP	JAVA	Second half of Jan.	SHANGHAI	Second half of Jan.
TJIMANOEK	JAVA	First half of Feb.	JAPAN	First half of Feb.
TJIMAH	JAVA	First half of March.	JAVA	First half of March.

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For Freight or Passage, apply to SHEWAN, TOMES & Co., General Managers, PHILIPPINES S.S. Co., 143



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DESTINATION	STEAMERS	TONS	DATE OF SAILING
SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA, "CANTON"	.....	6,500	On 2nd January.
Kobe & Yokohama, "YEDDO"	.....	7,200	About 7th February.

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## "SHIRE" LINE OF STEAMERS, LIMITED.

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SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

FOR	STEAMERS	DATE OF DEPARTURE
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LONDON, AMSTERDAM & ANTWERP	"MONMOUTHSHIRE" .....	On 17th Jan.
LONDON & ANTWERP	"PEMBROKESHIRE" .....	On 31st Jan.

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Hongkong, 12th December, 1911.

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MAIL SCHEDULE (SUBJECT TO MODIFICATION).

STEAMERS	ARRIVE HONGKONG FROM AUSTRALIA	LEAVE HONGKONG FOR AUSTRALIA
EMPIRE	.....	Sat'day, 6th Jan., 1912
ST. ALBANS	.....	Saturday, 3rd Feb.
EASTERN	.....	Saturday, 2nd Mar.
ALDENHAM	.....	Saturday, 16th Mar.

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## A NOVEL PAINTING.

Our Paris correspondent writes:—

An interesting relic of the celebrated French painter Corot is to be seen in the gallery of a picture dealer in the Champs-Élysées. It takes the form of a wooden frame enclosing a grey high hat of a style "now forgotten quite." A card explains that "this landscape in the crown of the hat is guaranteed to be a genuine work of Corot." One sees a rapid study of the great artist. The artist has utilised the blue silk lining of the hat to improvise a beautiful sky of summer reflected in the peaceful water below. Upon the bank are three trees and a picturesque Saracen tower, while white clouds among the blue complete the scene. By no means is the hat landscape an example of the eccentricity of genius. It is the result of what appeared to be the tragedy of a "white" hat which belonged to a friend of the master. The friend, calling on Corot, happened to place his brand new hat near the easel. In extending the hand Corot's brush fell into the hat, leaving an indelible mark. A cry of despair followed. "My hat is spoiled," observed the visitor. "Not at all," said Corot, bursting into a hearty laugh, "I will soon put that all right." The painter brushed away the dab caused by the accident and in a few minutes the picture was complete, the result being that the owner of the hat left the studio of his friend with a much more valuable *chapeau* than that with which he entered.

## THE FRENCH PROPHECY.

Our Paris correspondent writes:—

Mme. de Thibos—French lady prophet, whose popularity is as great as ever—has just issued her forecasts for 1912. The year will be a black one, she says, though it will be pierced with rays of light. Those who will make noise in the world will be military men. The chances of peace and war are about equal. If the catalans to be feared, it will not only upset Europe, but other continents, particularly Asia. The prophecy with regard to Paris is nerve-shaking. There will be conspiracies, we are told, as well as epidemics, and floods, "and if men of good will do not unite the city will be a ruin!" A bad time, according to the prophecies, is in store for Spain. There will be shooting in the streets, but the monarchy will be saved. As to Germany, Mme. de Thibos declares: "There will be neither Hohenzollern nor Russian domination. That is what Germany will gain by her violent and barbarous policy, I have said, and repeat it that the days of the Emperor are numbered, and that after him all will be changed in Germany. I say his reign, not his living days." England is menaced by a bad destiny; signs of death, wounds, fires. "It is the same everywhere," adds Mme. de Thibos; "it is the black year for one and all." What a cheerful outlook in store for us, and we shall soon be in the midst of it.

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## WEATHER REPORT.

On the 28th at 12.10 p.m.—Pressure has increased slightly over China, and given way moderately in N.E. Japan.

A shallow depression lies over the latter area, while the anti-cyclone is still central over the continent to the North of the Yangtze Valley.

Fresh to strong monsoon will continue to prevail along the coast and over the China Sea.

Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.02 inches.

The forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon to-day is as follows:—

## DISORDER FORECAST.

\* Hongkong & Neighbourhood

Formosa Channel ..... N.E. winds, strong.

South coast of China (between Hongkong and Lamscocks) ..... Same as No. 1.

South coast of China (between Hongkong and Hsianan) ..... Same as No. 1.

\* N.E. winds, fresh; then

## CHINA COAST METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

28th DECEMBER, A.M.

Station	Hour	Barometer	Thermometer	Humidity	Wind Direction	Force	Weather
Vtstock	7a.	30.21	6	66	NNE	3	b
Nemuro	6a.	29.71	—	—	—	—	—
Hakodate	—	29.87	—	—	—	—	—
Tokio	—	30.04	—	—	—	—	—
Kobe	—	30.23	—	—	—	—	—
Nagasaki	—	30.33	—	—	—	—	—
Kagoshima	—	30.31	—	—	—	—	—
Oshima	—	30.26	—	—	—	—	—
Naha	—	30.25	—	—	—	—	—
Ishijima	—	30.17	—	—	—	—	—
Bonin Is.	—	30.06	—	—	—	—	—
Chefoo	6a.	—	—	—	—	—	—
Weihaiwei	9a.	—	—	—	—	—	—
Hankow	6a.	—	—	—	—	—	—
Kiukiang	—	30.61	37	61	NNW	2	b
Shanghai	—	30.52	40	74	NNW	2	b
Gulfair	—	30.40	57	—	NNW	2	b
Amoy	6a.	30.30	59	76	NNW	2	b
Swatow	—	30.25	—	—	—	—	—
Taihou	—	30.22	—	—	—	—	—
Tainan	—	30.17	—	—	—	—	—
Koshu	—	30.15	—	—	—	—	—
Cesadoros	—	30.22	—	—	—	—	—
Genoa	—	30.35	52	79	NN	10	b
Hongkong	10a.	30.23	62	73	NN	2	b
Vink Peak	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Gap Rock	—	30.26	—	—	NNW	4	—
Macao	—	30.29	55	—	NNW	1	o
Wachow	9a.	—	—	—	—	—	—
Hoihow	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Pakhoi	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Phu Lien	8a.	30.5	61	—	NE	4	o
Tourane	—	30.16	70	—	NW	2	f
C. St. James	—	30.93	71	—	NW	3	o
Apurri	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Manila	10a.	30.04	79	69	NNE	7	b
Legaspi	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Barcelo	9a.	—	—	—	SE	1	o
Iloilo	—	29.99	79	—	—	—	—
Cebu	—	29.91	82	—	—	—	—
Labuan	—	29.87	84	—	—	—	—

F. G. Figg, Director.

Hongkong Observatory, December 28th, 1911.  
1 BAROMETER, reduced to 32 degrees Fahrenheit on the level of the sea in inches, tenths and hundredths.  
2 TEMPERATURE, in the shade, in degrees Fahrenheit.

3 HUMIDITY, in percentage of saturation, the humidity of air saturated with moisture being 100.  
4 DIRECTION OF WIND, to two points.  
5 FORCE OF WIND, according to Beaufort Scale.  
6 STATE OF WEATHER, by day, a detached cloud, d, drizzling rain, f fog, g gale, h hail, l lightning, o overcast, p passing showers, q squally, r rain, s snow, t thunder, v visibility, w dew (wet).  
8 RAIN in inches, tenths and hundredths.

## HONGKONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

Hongkong Observatory, December 28th

	Previous Day at 4 p.m.	On Date On 10 a.m.	at 4 p.m.
Barometer	30.15	30.28	30.16
Temperature	66	62	66
Humidity	77	73	51
Wind Direction	West	North	North
Force	1	1	2
Weather	o	o	b
Rain	—	0.2	—

Highest open air Temperature on 7th., 63  
Lowest open air Temperature on 27th., 59

## HONGKONG TIDE TABLE.

From 28th Dec., to 4th Jan., 1912

Days of Week	Date	High Water		Low Water	
		H'kong Mean Time	H'kong Mean Height	H'kong Mean Time	H'kong Mean Height
Fri.	29	h. m.	ft. in.	h. m.	ft. in.
		2 0	5 6	9 43	2 3
Sat.	30	4 54	5 3	10 34	4 2
		5 17	5 8	10 33	2 6
Sun.	31	5 10	4 8	10 0	3 5
		5 42	6 4	11 15	2 8
Mon.	1	6 39	4 6	11 2	2 6
		6 16	7 1	11 55	3 0
Tues.	2	7 59	4 5	1 15	1 8
		6 59	7 6	0 34	1 1
Wed.	3	8 55	4 4	2 42	1 1
		7 47	8 0	1 14	3 2
Thurs.	4	10 0	4 4	5 29	0 5
		8 38	8 4	1 55	3 3

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SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBÉ (NYANZA) AND YOKOHAMA	Capt. H. N. Blyers, R.N.R.	About 30th Dec.	Freight and Passage.
SHANGHAI	DELTA Capt. E. P. Martin, R.N.R.	About 4th Jan.	Freight and Passage.
LONDON VIA RUVAL PORT (DEVANHA) OF CALL	Capt. W. R. Hickoy	Noon 6th Jan.	See Special Advertisement
LONDON and ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, PORT SAID, and MARSEILLES	SYRIA Capt. R. A. Peters	About 10th Jan.	Freight and Passage.

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Hongkong, 28th December, 1911.

# CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LD.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL	REMARKS
AMOI, NINGPO and SHANGHAI	"Kwangse"	On 29th Dec., 4 p.m.	
HAIPHONG	"Sungkiang"	On 30th Dec., 10 a.m.	
SHANGHAI	"Lian"	On 30th Dec., 10 a.m.	
WEIHAIWEI and CHEFOO	"Shansi"	On 31st Dec., 11 a.m.	
MANILA, CEBU and ILOILO	"Kuchow"	On 2nd Jan., 4 p.m.	
SHANGHAI	"Anhui"	On 4th Jan., 4 p.m.	
SHANGHAI	"Anhui"	On 6th Jan., 11 a.m.	
MANILA, CEBU and ILOILO	"Teian"	On 9th Jan., 4 p.m.	

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S.S. FUEVIA	29th Feb.		
S.S. FUERT BUELOW	20th Feb.		
S.S. BELGRAVIA	1st Mar.		
S.S. SAXONIA	18th Mar.		
S.S. C. FERD. LAEISZ	3rd April.		
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Hongkong, 22nd December, 1911.

# INDO-CHINA S. NAV. CO., LD.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL	REMARKS
PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG (SUBJECT TO ALTERATION).			
SHANGHAI, KOBÉ and MOJI	"FOOKSANG"	Friday, 29th Dec., Noon.	
MANILA	"LOONGSANG"	Saturday, 30th Dec., 2 p.m.	
SANAAKAN via JESSELTON	"MAUSANG"	Sunday, 31st Dec., 10 a.m.	
SHANGHAI	"CHOYSANG"	Tuesday, 2nd Jan., 11 a.m.	
MANILA	"WINGSANG"	Saturday, 6th Jan., 2 p.m.	

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"HAIYAN"	Capt. J. E. Beach	WEDNESDAY, 3rd Jan., at Daylight.	
"HAIYAN"	Capt. J. W. Evans	FRIDAY, 5th Jan., at 11 a.m.	
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FOR			
SWATOW and RETURN.			
(Occupying 3 Days).			
"HAIYANG"	Capt. J. W. Evans	SUNDAY, 3rd Dec., at 10 a.m.	
"HAIYAN"	Capt. A. H. Stewart	WEDNESDAY, 3rd Jan., at 11 a.m.	
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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG (SUBJECT TO ALTERATION)			
STEAMER	Tons	CAPTAIN	DATE OF SAILING.
TENYO MARU	21,000	E. Bent	FRIDAY, 29th Dec., at Noon.
SHINYO MARU	21,000	H. S. Smith	FRIDAY, 19th Jan., Noon 1912
CHIYO MARU	21,000	W. W. Greene	FRIDAY, 16th Feb. 1912.
NIPPON MARU	11,000	A. G. Stevens	FRIDAY, 8th March, at Noon.

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FOR	STEAMERS	Tons (Gross reg.)	LEAVES.
VICTORIA, B.C. & TACOMA via NAGASAKI, KOBÉ, YOKKAICHI, AND YOKOHAMA	"TACOMA MARU"	6,128	WEDNESDAY, 24th Jan., at 11 a.m.
VICTORIA, B.C. & TACOMA via SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBÉ, YOKKAICHI, AND YOKOHAMA	"CANADA MARU"	6,064	TUESDAY, 9th Jan., at 11 a.m.
	"PANAMA MARU"	6,059	WEDNESDAY, 3rd Feb., at 11 a.m.

O. S. K. has made the following revision on 1st class passage to Victoria, Tacoma, Seattle Vancouver, Portland, and San Francisco:—

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## (THE JAPAN MAIL STEAMSHIP CO.)

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL	REMARKS
PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.			
DESTINATIONS	STEAMERS	Tons	SAILING DATES
MARSEILLES, LONDON and ANTWERP via SINGAPORE, PENANG COLOMBO, SUEZ and PORT SAID	KITANO MARU	9,000	WEDNESDAY, 3rd Jan., at Daylight.
	IYO MARU	7,000	WEDNESDAY, 17th Jan., at Daylight.
VICTORIA, B.C. and SEATTLE via SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBÉ, YOKKAICHI, and YOKOHAMA	TAMBA MARU	7,000	TUESDAY, 2nd Jan., at Noon.
	AWA MARU	7,000	TUESDAY, 30th Jan., at Noon.
	SAO MARU	7,000	SATURDAY, 27th Jan., from Kobe
SYDNEY and MELBOURNE via MANILA, THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE and BRISBANE	KUMANO MARU	6,000	FRIDAY, 19th Jan., at Noon
	YAWATA MARU	5,000	FRIDAY, 16th Feb., at Noon.
BOMBAY via SINGAPORE, and COLOMBO	COLOMBO MARU	5,000	TUESDAY, 9th Jan.
KOBÉ and YOKOHAMA	TANGO MARU	7,000	THURSDAY, 4th Jan., a.m.
NAGASAKI, KOBÉ & YOKOHAMA	YAWATA MARU	5,000	WEDNESDAY, 17th Jan., at Noon.
SHANGHAI, MOJI & KOBÉ	TOSA MARU	6,000	WEDNESDAY, 3rd Jan.
SHANGHAI and KOBÉ	MIKE MARU	4,000	MONDAY, 1st Jan.

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### 1912 PASSENGER SEASON 1912

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL	REMARKS
FOR EUROPE.			
STEAMER	Tons	CAPTAIN	FROM HONGKONG
TANGO MARU	8,000	K. Kawara	February 14th.
KAMO	9,000	F. L. Sommer	February 28th.
AKI	7,000	K. Homma	March 13th.
MISHIMA	9,000	A. C. Moses	March 27th.
KAGA	7,000	M. Hagino	April 10th.
ATSUTA	9,000	Wm. Thompson	April 24th.
HITACHI	7,000	T. Yamawaki	May 8th.
MIYASAKI	9,000	T. Mura	May 22nd.
FOR SEATTLE.			
INABA MARU	7,000	S. Tomimaga	February 27th.
TAMBA	7,000	K. Noda	March 26th.
SANUKI	7,000		April 9th.
AWA	7,000	T. Iizawa	April 23rd.
INABA	7,000	S. Tomimaga	May 21st.

For further information, apply to— T. KUSUMOTO, MANAGER.

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# PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL

## STEAM NAVIGATION CO.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL	REMARKS
HOMeward PASSENGER SEASON, 1912.			
PROPOSED SAILINGS OF MAIL STEAMERS			
FOR			
MARSEILLES AND LONDON			
TAKING PASSENGERS ALSO FOR			
COLOMBO, INDIA, AUSTRALASIA, EGYPT, BRINDISI, & C.			
THROUGH TICKETS ISSUED TO BOSTON AND NEW YORK.			

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL	REMARKS
STEAMERS	Leave	Connecting Steamers	Due
to	HONGKONG	from COLOMBO to	MARSEILLES
COLOMBO		MARSEILLES & LONDON	(Brindisi 2 days earlier)
			PLYMOUTH (London 1 day later)
Steamer	Tons	1 P.M. SATURDAY	Steamer Tons SATURDAY FRIDAY
ASSAYE	7500	February 3	MANUPA 11000 March 2 March 8
HIMALAYA	7000	February 17	MACE DONIA 10500 March 16 March 22
DELHI	8000	March 2	MOREA 11000 March 30 April 5
INDIA	8000	March 16	Through Steamer April 19 April 19
DEVANHA	8000	March 30	MOL AVIA 11000 April 27 May 3
DELTA	8000	April 13	MAL OJA 12500 May 11 May 17
ASSAYE	7500	April 27	MON OJA 10000 May 25 May 31
DELHI	8000	May 11	MALWA 11000 June 8 June 14

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL	REMARKS
PASSENGERS change Steamers at COLOMBO, with exception of S.S. "INDIA" and those for BRINDISI transfer also to the Express Mail Steamer at PORT SAID. Accommodation in the connecting Steamer from COLOMBO is definitely reserved in Hongkong at the time of Booking.			
FARES TO LONDON:			
1st SALOON £71 10 SINGLE £106 14 RETURN £243			
2nd IN ADDITION TO THE ABOVE MAIL STEAMERS			
INTERMEDIATE (NON-TRANSHIPMENT) STEAMERS WILL LEAVE FOR			
LONDON			
CARRYING 1st AND 2nd SALOON PASSENGERS AT REDUCED RATES.			
PROPOSED SAILINGS:			
STEAMERS	Leave	Due	
	HONGKONG	LONDON	
NYANZA	about	7	March about 22
NILE	February	6	April 19
NUBIA	March	3	May 17
SUMATR	April	1	June 31
NAMUR	May	1	July 14
PALAWAN	May	15	June 29
BOERNEO	May	29	July 13
SYRIA	June	12	July 27
NORE	June	26	August 10

These Steamers call also at SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, and at MARSEILLES

FARES TO LONDON:

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Hongkong, 13th December, 1911.

## POST OFFICE NOTICE

## NEW YEAR HOLIDAY.

The Post Office will be open on Monday, the 1st January, from 8 to 9 a.m. only.  
In the event of the arrival of the French Mail from Europe the Post Office will be open  
one hour for the delivery thereof.  
There will be one delivery and one collection of letters on Sunday.  
The Money Order Office will be entirely closed.The *Nucleus*, with the *German* mail, left Singapore on Sunday, the 24th inst., at 9 a.m.,  
and may be expected here to-day.The *Prism*, with the Siberian Mail, is due to arrive here to-morrow.

FOR	PER	DATE
Haiphong (Taking Mails for Pakhoi) ...	Carl Diederichsen	Friday, 29th, 8.00 A.M.
Saigon	Telegraph	Friday, 29th, 9.00 A.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow ...	Haiching	Friday, 29th, 10.00 A.M.
Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama ...	Cleveland	Friday, 29th, 10.00 A.M.
Shanghai, Kobe and Moji	Kookang	Friday, 29th, 10.00 A.M.
SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA, HONOLULU and SAN FRANCISCO	Tonyo Maru	Friday, 29th, 10.00 A.M.
Macao	Sui Tai	Friday, 29th, 11.00 A.M.
Bangkok	Landrat Schiff	Friday, 29th, 1.15 P.M.
Kobe, Yaw, Utsa, Soipan, Truk, Ponape, Kusaie, Jaluit, Nauru, Rabaul and Sydney	Germania	Friday, 29th, 3.00 P.M.
Amoy, Ningpo and Shanghai	Kwangse	Friday, 29th, 3.00 P.M.
SHANGHAI, MOJI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKO- HAMA, VICTORIA and VANCOUVER (B.C.)	Monteagle	Friday, 29th, 5.00 P.M.
SUBSIDIARY MAIL TO EUROPE	Seang Bee	Friday, 29th, 5.00 P.M.
Amoy, Swatow and Rangoon	Sunghing	Saturday, 30th, 9.00 A.M.
Haiphong (Taking Mails for Pakhoi)	Prins Sigismund	Saturday, 30th, 9.00 A.M.
Manila, Cebu, Iloilo, Angaur, Yap, Friedrich, Wilhelmschafen, Rabaul, Ilorihone, Ma- lapi, Samar, Brisbane, Sydney, Hobart, Launceston, New Zealand, Dunedin, Mel- bourne, Adelaide, Perth and Fremantle	Loongang	Saturday, 30th, 1.00 P.M.
Manila, Cebu and Iloilo	Sui Tai	Saturday, 30th, 1.15 P.M.
Macao	Lightning	Saturday, 30th, 2.00 P.M.
Singapore, Penang and Calcutta	Rubi	Saturday, 30th, 3.00 P.M.
Manila, Mangarin, Iloilo and Cebu	Chansi	Saturday, 30th, 5.00 P.M.
Weihaei and Chefoo	Linan	Saturday, 30th, 5.00 P.M.
SHANGHAI	Mausang	Sunday, 31st, 9.00 A.M.
SIBERIAN MAIL TO EUROPE	Daiji Maru	Sunday, 31st, 9.00 A.M.
Jessolton and Sandakan	Haigang	Sunday, 31st, 9.00 A.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Tamsui	Choyang	Monday, 1st, 9.00 A.M.
Swatow	Tamba Maru	Tuesday, 2nd, 10.00 A.M.
SHANGHAI		Tuesday, 2nd, 10.00 A.M.
Shanghai, Moji, Kobe, Yokohama, Victoria and Seattle		Tuesday, 2nd, 10.00 A.M.
EUROPE, &c. INDIA via TATTOON		Tuesday, 2nd, 10.00 A.M.
(Late Letters 11.00 to Noon)		Tuesday, 2nd, 10.00 A.M.
Extra Postage 10 cents		Tuesday, 2nd, 10.00 A.M.
Letters posted in all the Pillar Boxes in time for the first clearance will be included in this contract mail		Tuesday, 2nd, 10.00 A.M.
Manila, Cebu and Iloilo	Kutechow	Tuesday, 2nd, 3.00 P.M.
Amoy and Foochow	Haitan	Tuesday, 2nd, 3.00 P.M.
Swatow	Haitan	Tuesday, 2nd, 3.00 P.M.
Shanghai	Chingus	Tuesday, 2nd, 3.00 P.M.
SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA, HONOLULU and SAN FRANCISCO	Persia	Tuesday, 2nd, 3.00 P.M.

## COMMERCIAL.

## CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

December 28th.

ON LONDON :—		
Telegraphic Transfer .....	1104	
Bank Bills, on demand .....	1104	
Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight .....	1104	
Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight .....	1104	
Credit, at 4 months' sight .....	1104	
Documentary Bills 4 months' sight/104		
ON PARIS :—		
Bank Bills, on demand .....	231	
Credit, at 4 months' sight .....	231	
ON GERMANY :—		
On demand .....	190	
ON NEW YORK :—		
Bank Bills, on demand .....	454	
Credit, at 60 days' sight .....	454	
ON BOMBAY :—		
Telegraphic Transfer .....	1384	
Bank, on demand .....	1384	
ON CALCUTTA :—		
Telegraphic Transfer .....	1384	
Bank, on demand .....	1384	
ON SHANGHAI :—		
Bank, at sight .....	744	
• Private, 30 days' sight .....	754	
ON YOKOHAMA :—On demand .....	904	
ON MANILA :—On demand .....	904	
ON SINGAPORE :—On demand .....	794	
ON BATAVIA :—On demand .....	1114	
ON HAIKONG :—On demand .....	1114	
ON SAIGON :—On demand .....	per	7 p.m.
ON BANGKOK :—On demand .....	824	
SOVEREIGNS, Bank's Buying Rate .....	\$10.70	
GOLD LION, 100 fine, per tael .....	\$56.40	
SILVER, per oz. ....	25.38	

## SUBSIDIARY COINS.

	per cent.
Chinese	20 cents pieces, 55.37 discount
Chinese	10 " 55.60 "
Hongkong	20 " 55.14 "
Hongkong	10 " 55.35 "

## SHARE LIST—QUOTATIONS.

HONGKONG, DECEMBER 28th, 1911.

STOCKS.	NO. OF SHARES.	VALUE.	PAID UP.	CLOSING QUOTA TIONS CASE.
BANKS—				
Hongkong & Shanghai Bank Corporation	120,000	\$125	all	\$8624, buyers (London \$80 10, sellers)
China Bank Corporation, Limited	60,000	\$12	all	\$1.10
China Light and Power Company, Limited	50,000	\$1	all	\$1
China Provident, Loan & Mortgage Co., Ltd.	200,000	\$10	all	\$1
COTTON MILLS—				
Ewo Cotton Spinning & Weaving Co., Ltd.	20,000	Tls. 50	all	Tls. 83
Hongkong Cotton Spinning Co., Ltd.	125,000	\$10	all	\$43, buyers
International Cotton Manufacturing Co., Ltd.	10,000	Tls. 75	all	Tls. 51
Loon Kung-Mow Co. Spinning & Weaving Co., Ltd.	8,000	Tls. 100	all	Tls. 65
Soy Cheong Cotton Spinning Co., Limited	20,000	Tls. 50	all	Tls. 28
Dairy Farm Company, Limited	40,000	\$74	all	\$20, sellers
DOCK AND WHARVES—				
H'kong & Kowloon Wharf & G. Co., Ltd.	60,000	\$50	all	\$55, buyers
Hongkong & Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd.	50,000	\$50	all	\$45, buyers
New Amoy Dock Co., Limited	10,000	\$50	all	\$7, buyers
Shanghai Dock and Engineering Co., Ltd.	35,000	Tls. 100	all	Tls. 57
Shanghai & Hongkong Wharf Co., Ltd.	400,000	\$10	all	Tls. 89
Green Island Cement Co., Limited	7,000	\$10	all	\$33
Hongkong and China Gas Co., Limited	60,000	\$10	all	\$27
Hongkong Electric Co., Limited	12,000	\$50	all	\$214
Hongkong Hotel Company, Limited	8,000	\$25	all	\$119
Manila Metropole Hotel Limited	15,000	Pa. 10	all	\$75
Hongkong Ice Company, Limited	50,000	\$50	all	\$10, sellers
Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Co., Limited	60,000	\$50	all	\$120
H'kong & South China Steam Fisheries Co., Ltd.	15,000	\$10	all	\$18
INSURANCES—				
Canton Insurance Office Co., Limited	10,000	\$30	all	\$188, buyers
China Fire Insurance Co., Limited	20,000	\$100	all	\$129, buyers
China Traders Insurance Co., Limited	24,000	\$83.33	all	\$135
Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Limited	8,000	\$50	all	\$522
North-China Insurance Co., Limited	10,000	\$15	all	Tls. 145
Union Insurance Society, Limited	12,400	\$250	all	\$825, buyers
Yat-gze Insurance Association, Limited	12,000	\$100	all	\$212, ex 75
LINERS AND TRADING AGENCIES—				
Hongkong Land Investment Agency Co., Ltd.	50,000	\$100	all	\$100, buyers
Hongkong Estate and Finance Co., Ltd.	150,000	\$10	all	\$64, sal. & bn.
Kowloon Land and Building Co., Ltd.	6,000	\$50	all	\$50, sellers
Shanghai Land Investment Co., Limited	78,000	Tls. 80	all	Tls. 93
West Point Building Co., Limited	12,500	\$50	all	\$49, buyers
Matachappi tot Mija, Boshen	25,000	Gds. 10	all	Tls. 67
Landbouw exploitatie in Langkat				
MINEING—				
Société Française des Châsses de Tonkin	16,000	Pos. 250	all	\$675
Rand Australian Gold Mining Co., Ltd.	200,000	\$10	all	\$53, buyers
Park Tramways Co., Limited	25,000	\$10	all	\$14, buyers
Philippine Co., Limited	50,000	\$10	all	\$110
REFINING—				
China Sugar Refining Co., Limited	20,000	\$100	all	\$100
London Sugar Refining Co., Limited	7,000	\$100	all	\$29, sellers
STEAMSHIP COMPANIES—				
China and Manila Steamship Co., Ltd.	30,000	\$25	all	\$10
Douglas Steamship Co., Limited	20,000	\$50	all	\$27, buyers
Hongkong, Canton & Macao S.S. Co., Ltd.	80,000	\$10	all	\$61
Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., Ltd.	60,000 pref.	\$25	all	\$1 don.
Shell Transport & Trading Co., Limited	60,000 def.	\$1	all	\$5 10s.
Star Ferry Company, Limited	2,500,000	\$1	all	\$1/-
South China Morning Post Limited	10,000	\$10	all	\$271, sales
Steam Laundry Company, Limited	6,000	\$25	all	\$221
STORES AND DISPENSARIES—				
Campbell, Moore & Co., Limited	20,000	\$5	all	\$64
Wm. Powell, Limited	15,000	\$7	all	\$15, buyers
Watkins, Limited	10,000	\$10	all	\$3, buyers
A. S. Watson & Co., Limited	90,000	\$10	all	\$43, buyers
Weismann, Limited	3,000	\$10	all	\$15, buyers
H. Price & Co., Ltd.	15,000	\$10	all	\$12, buyers
United Asbestos Oriental Agency, Limited	9,900 ordy.	\$10	all	\$10
Union Waterboat Co., Limited	100 shares	\$10	all	\$303
RUBBER—				
Para Rubber in London				4/4 per lb., sellers
Loans.	Amount.	Value.	Interest.	Quotation.
Chinese Imperial 1886	Tls. 767,200	Tls. 250	7% p. annum	VERNON & SYMTH, Share Brokers.

## TO-DAY

10.30 A.M.—Auction of Geo. Fenwick & Co., Ltd.,  
Stores, at the Works No. 13, Praya East,  
Wanchai, by Mr. Geo. P. Lammer.  
9 P.M.—London Musical and Comedy Co., at  
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## FORTHCOMING EVENTS.

Monday, 1st Jan.—Bank Holiday.

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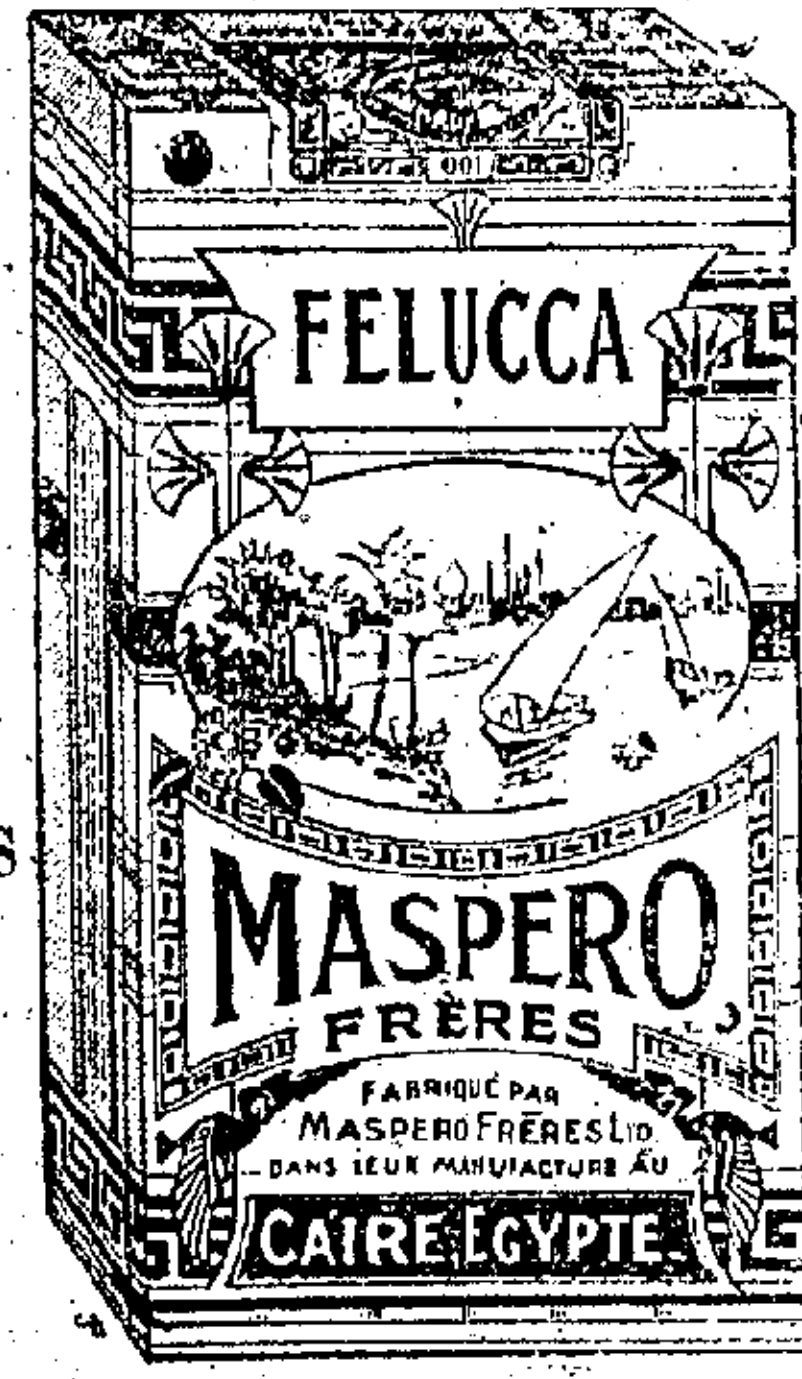
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